

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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With conventional access packages, for each mailbox that a user wishes to enter, they must go through each of these successive states in serial fashion. While doing so, the user must keep track of the identity and address of each of the POP3 email servers to which they need to connect. In the invention, in contrast, and as illustrated in Fig. 6, a user at client workstation 102 connects to and is serviced by proxy server 106 by presentation of interface module 132 on the client workstation 102. The interface module 132 presents an integrated view into all of the users' available email accounts, regardless of service provider or location. The user may, in general, view a list of all pending email messages, and mark individual messages for download or deletion from interface module 132, without needing to separately access or address each of mail servers 114a, 114b...114n. Interface module 132 is in one regard illustrated in Fig. 6.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A method of managing a plurality of messages stored in a plurality of individual messaging accounts comprising the steps of:
 - a. accepting a user access request at a message access port to access selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging accounts; and
 - b. transmitting a set of message access requests to a corresponding set of the individual messaging accounts.